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Yoshiaki Hirano, et al.

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For: CROSSLINKED POLYMER, METHOD FOR
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002 (Paper No. 6).

REMARKS

CLAIMS 1-15 are now in the application. Applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the examiner as Group I drawn to a first cross-linked polymer. Claim 1 is readable on the elected invention. Applicant also elects as the species Group a. directed to the first cross-linked polymers of Formula I. Claims 2-15 are drawn to non elected inventions and may be cancelled by the examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention.